

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the title on page 1, lines 11-12, as follows:

-- ~~OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PROBES FOR DETECTING ENTEROBACTERIACEAE AND~~  
~~QUINOLONE-RESISTANT ENTEROBACTERIACEAE~~--

Please amend the paragraph starting at line 14 on page 1 as follows:

--This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/647,563, filed January 16, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,706,475 issued March 16, 2004, which is a § 371 U.S. national phase of PCT/US99/06963, filed March 30, 1999, which was published in English under PCT Article 21(2), and which in turn claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/080,375, filed April 1, 1998.--